

Application No. 10/707,979  
Docket No. BUR920030198US1

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER, ART UNIT 3624**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

**Denton, et al.**

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For: **A METHOD FOR CONSIDERING HIERARCHICAL PREEMPTIVE DEMAND  
PRIORITIES IN A SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION MODEL**

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the After-Final Office Action dated **August 4, 2009**, setting a three-month statutory period for response, please consider this timely filed Amendment in the above-identified application as follows: